

PTE LISTENING PRACTICE PAPER

SUMMARIZE SPOKEN TEXT

You will hear a short lecture. Write a summary for a fellow student who was not present at the lecture. You should write 50-70 words. You have 10 minutes to finish this task. Your response will be judged on the Quality of Your writing and on how well your response presents the key points presented in the lecture.

QUESTION 1

The complete environment is polluted, the major types are air, water, noise, thermal, soil and light pollution. Even deforestation and gaseous emissions also lead to pollution. The earth is the only planet known for having air and water which can sustain life. Without these, the earth would be similar to other planets with no life. The most intelligent animal, the man, was never inquisitive, nor he was content with fruits of nature. There are baffling mysteries because of man's quest in search of knowledge and security to vast horizons. This led to many inventions, which made us prisoners of our own creations. This led to environmental pollution. This had a negative effect on both animal and man's life. All the inventions are in the cost of our health. This makes us think if all the invention is worth it. The pollution is not just caused by nuclear tests or industries alone. They are also the results of the vehicular traffic, synthetic detergents, nitrogen fertilizers and much more. This cannot be the way it is going. This will ruin our basic premise of life. We need to take proper steps to make our environment pleasant. The government must take strict actions on the culprits responsible for bad effects. We as citizens need to work unitedly to have a clean and healthy environment.

QUESTION 2

Child labor has been an international concern. It ruins and destroys the life of many children. It is one of the major concerns in many developing countries. The young generation is a future hope for any country. But, still, there are many children who are deprived of an ordinary life. Indian international market has been damaged in many situations because of the use of child labor in many industries. Though there is a law in India, still many places children are used as child laborers. The cause could be poor family income, reduction in the production cost or miscellaneous reasons. There are solutions to these problems. The government should enforce child labor laws strictly. Awareness should be spread of severe consequences of using child labor. If the employment opportunities for adults increase, this could also lead to reduction in child labor. The right to education for every child should be strictly enforced. All the owners of mines and factories should take a pledge of not engaging any child labor.

QUESTION 3

I'm here to talk about the next big thing because what we're finding out is that we have this capacity to report eyewitness accounts of what's going on in real time. We're seeing this in events like Mumbai recently, where it's so much easier to report now than it is to consume it. There is so much information; what do you do? So, what we find is that there is this great deal of wasted crisis information because there is just too much information for us to actually do anything with right now. And what we're actually really concerned with is this first three hours. What we are looking at is the first three hours. How do we deal with that information that is coming in? You can't understand what is actually happening. On the ground and around the world people are still curious, and trying to figure out what is going on. But they don't know. You see this with Twitter, too. You get this information overload. So you've got a lot of information. That's great. But now what? So we think that there is something interesting we can do here. And we have a small team who is working on this. We think that we can actually create a crowdsourced filter. Take the crowd and apply them to the information. And by rating it and by rating the different people who submit information, we can get refined results and weighted results. So that we have a better understanding of the probability of something being true or not. This is the kind of innovation that is, quite frankly — it's interesting that it's coming from Africa. It's coming from places that you wouldn't expect

QUESTION 4

The brain is basically built from the bottom up first day brain builds basic circuits that are responsible for basic skills sense and then more complex circuits are built on top of those basic circuits as we develop more complex skills, biologically the brain is prepared to be shaped by experience its expecting this experiences that a young child has to literally influence the formation of the circuitry is built into our biology of, the interaction between genetics and experience that shapes, brain architecture, is embedded in an of the reciprocal relationship , relationship of children have resulted in, by that we mean what we refer to as the serve and return nature of children's interaction with their adult development and the impact of experience on development is not a one-way street except backing force interaction, the brain is a highly integrated organ which has multiple sections that has specialized in different processes so we have parts of the brain, that are involved more in cognitive function of the partner involved in the processing of the motion in part involved in singing and hearing, so if a child is emotionally they, could well put together and socially confident that will affect, more positive in productive learning, a child is preoccupied with fears or anxiety, or is dealing with considerable stress no matter how intellectually gifted child mouth might be his or her learning is can be impaired by the kind of emotional interference.

MILTIPLE QUESTION, CHOOSE MULTIPLE ANSWERS

QUESTION 5

Listen to the recording and answer the question by selecting all the correct responses. You will need to select more than one response.

The recession is one factor which affected and may affect many people. There are many things we should not do during the recession. Never be a consignor, if the individual who took fails to repay during the recession, it is the consignor who must pay the loan. When you purchase a house, do not go for adjustable rate mortgage. This could be good in normal situations but during the recession, the interest rates may go up leading to increasing monthly EMI. Do not add up debts, it would be very during you lose a job, your monthly budget can go for a toss. Do not take your job for granted. During the recession, the process of laying off is large. People who do not respect their jobs would be the first targets. We may not be able to avoid recession, but, proper steps can at least make us stay away from bad situations.

What should we do during the recession?

- A. We should not be a consignor.
- B. We should take debts.
- C. We should take our jobs for granted.
- D. We should not go for adjustable rate mortgage.

QUESTION 6

Hi. Great to see you! I'm Jody, and I'll be looking after both of you for the first month you're working here at the Amersham Theatre. I'll tell you something about the theatre now, then take you to meet two of the other staff. It's an old building, and it's been modernized several times. In fact, as you can see, we're carrying out a major refurbishment at the moment. The interior has just been repainted, and we're about to start on the exterior of the building - that'll be a big job. The work's running over budget, so we've had to postpone installing an elevator. I hope you're happy running up and down stairs! When the theatre was built, people were generally slimmer and shorter than now, and the seats were very close together. We've replaced them with larger seats with more legroom now. This means fewer seats in total, but we've taken the opportunity to install seats that can easily be moved, to create different acting spaces. We've also turned a few storerooms over to other purposes like using them for meetings.

Which changes have been made so far during the refurbishment of the theatre?

- A) The outside of the building has been repaired.
- B) An elevator has been installed.

- C) Extra seats have been added.
- D) A different type of seating has been installed.
- E) Some room now have a different use.
- F) A new meeting room has been built.

QUESTION 7

So what I'm going to talk about to you today is something called Ethnography. This is a type of research aimed at exploring the way human cultures work. It was first developed for use in anthropology, and it's also been used in sociology and communication studies. So what's it got to do with business, you may ask. Well, businesses are finding that ethnography can offer them deeper insight into the possible needs of customers, either present or future, as well as providing valuable information about their attitudes towards existing products. And ethnography can also help companies to design new products or services that customers really want. Let's look at some examples of how ethnographic research works in business. One team of researchers did a project for a company manufacturing kitchen equipment. They watched how cooks used measuring cups to measure out things like sugar and flour. They saw that the cooks had to check and recheck the contents, because although the measuring cups had numbers inside them, the cooks couldn't see these easily. So a new design of cup was developed to overcome this problem, and it was a top seller.

According to the speaker, which of the following statements are correct?

- A) Ethnography is a type of research aimed at exploring how communication works,
- B) Ethnography can be used in business to investigate customer attitudes.
- C) Designing new products can help business to understand ethnographic research.
- D) It is better for cooks to use cups to measure out things like sugar and flour.
- E) How ethnography research works in business is illustrated by the use of a kitchen equipment.

QUESTION 8

There are treasures of happiness all around us but the problem is that we only appreciate them when something terrible happens. Usually when we become sick we appreciate our health when we lose something we appreciate it more but we don't need to wait if we developed a habit of

being grateful we can significantly increase our levels of happiness. Research by Robert Emmons and Mike McAuliffe observed that people who kept gratitude journals each night where they wrote at least five things they're thankful for in life the results showed that these people are happier more optimistic more successful more likely to achieve their goals, physically healthier it strengthens our immune system and more generous to others. Keeping a gratitude journal is something that takes just three minutes a day but has significant positive results.

How can we significantly increase our level of happiness?

- A) We can develop a habit of being grateful.
- B) We can do some research on happiness.
- C) WE can keep a gratitude journal.
- D) We can achieve our goals.
- E) We can become physically healthier.
- F) We can become more generous to others.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

QUESTION 9

You will hear a recording. Type the missing words in each blank.

This is the story of a tribal boy who was not content with the life he had. He was loved by all. But he was not happy. His father saw that something troubled him. He asked his son the reason. He said to his father that he wanted to be an archer. He wanted to be the disciple of a great teacher who taught only the sons of kings. He said to his father that he knew they belong to hunting tribe, he did not want to be a mere hunter. He approached the teacher and asked the teacher to train him to be a mighty warrior. The great teacher rejected his plea, saying that this place belongs only to king's sons. Though he was dejected, he did not lose hope. He made a statue of the great teacher and started worshipping him. He believed if he could practice before his teacher he would learn archery. In time faith, perseverance and courage transformed the boy, the mere tribal hunter to a great archer. The boy became an archer of exceptional prowess, superior even to the great teacher's best student. If we are dedicated to the work we want to achieve the results are going to be extraordinary.

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QUESTION 10

All matter, whether a solid, liquid or gas, is made up of tiny particles called molecules. The molecules of one substance are different from the molecules of another substance. There is a force of attraction between the molecules. This attraction is the greatest in solids; therefore, solids are hard and cannot flow. In liquids, the force of attraction between molecules is less as compared to solids. Thus, we can say that the molecules are loosely packed. Liquids can, therefore, be easily poured or can flow. In gasses, the force of attraction between the molecules is the least. Therefore, the molecules of a gas can easily flow in any direction. If we spray perfume in one corner of the room we can smell it in another corner. This happens because of the molecules of perfume diffuse in the air and moves from one corner to another. Molecules are made of atoms; every molecule has one or more atoms. For example, each molecule of oxygen contains two atoms of oxygen. This is written as O₂. Similarly, the molecule of hydrogen is written as H₂. When atoms of different kinds combine, compounds are formed.

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QUESTION 11

It is difficult to know how to place Montesquieu - if you're the kind of person who likes to categorize. Historian, political philosopher, sociologist, jurist or, if you think the Persian Letters a novel, a novelist - he was all these things. Perhaps, as some have, he could be placed among that almost extinct species, the man of letters. The books that makeup. The Spirit of the Laws have had the most influence on later thinkers, and in them, as in his equally great Considerations on the Causes of the Grandeur and Decadence of the Romans, he makes his underlying purpose clear. It is to make the random, apparently meaningless variety of events understandable; he wanted to find out what the historical truth was. His starting point then was this almost endless variety of morals, customs, ideas, laws and institutions and to make some sense out of them. He believed it was not chance that ruled the world, and that, beyond the chaos of accidents, there must be underlying causes that account for the apparent madness of things.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE, SINGLE ANSWER

QUESTION 12

Have you ever seen a situation where an animal is repeatedly put in a negative situation that it can't escape eventually the animal will stop trying to avoid the source of the problem, instead it starts behaving as if it's completely helpless to change the situation, this state of limited control is called "learned helplessness", the animal has opportunities to escape from this environment but the learned helplessness prevents it from taking

any action, we have seen it a number of different animal species but we also see this behavior in people, say for an example, a child who does poorly in math tests will quickly begin to feel that nothing he does will have any effect on his performance, then later when that same child is faced with any math task is probably going to experience that same feeling of helplessness on another occasion, what this means is that small problems can often become much worse because of this.

According to the speaker, "learned helplessness"

- A. Makes people work even harder at difficult tasks.
- B. Stops people repeating positive experiences.
- C. Causes people to lose hope in their abilities.
- D. Affects people in many unpredictable ways

QUESTION 13

I should say one more thing about theory. It's a ... It's great to discover theory, but there .. the .. you have to lose a lot, and you may have noticed, or maybe you didn't, how much you lose. Partly you don't notice it much because here at the university everybody's dedicated to theory, and what is ... what's left out is ,uh, perception cause you-you use your mind not your eyes. Skill-you're not supposed to have to have any particular, uh, sort of bodily kind of skills; there's a kind of mental thing, but I'm not ... let's not call that skill. I'm just calling skill the way you cope with everyday stuff that you use and so forth. Intuition, it's not fair to have intuition, I mean you can have intuition, but it's not ... it's not theory, it's not something that everybody has to believe until you can put it into language and argue for it. Gets rid of emotions, the body, tradition.

What is the lecture mainly about?

- A. Perception and how it relates to the mind and eyes.
- B. Intuition and how to use it to form theory.
- C. Theory and how it forces you to lose aspects of yourself.
- D. Skill and how it should be applied in a university setting.

QUESTION 14

Coral reefs are one of the most fragile, biologically complex, and diverse marine ecosystems on Earth. This ecosystem is one of the fascinating paradoxes of the biosphere: how do clear, and thus nutrient-poor, waters support such prolific and productive communities? Part of the answer lies within the tissues of the corals themselves. Symbiotic cells of algae known as zooxanthellae carry out photosynthesis using the metabolic wastes of the coral thereby producing food for themselves, for their

corals, hosts, and even for other members of the reef community. This symbiotic process allows organisms in the reef community to use sparse nutrient resources efficiently. Unfortunately for coral reefs, however, a variety of human activities are causing worldwide degradation of shallow marine habitats by adding nutrients to the water. Agriculture, slash-and-burn land clearing, sewage disposal and manufacturing that creates waste by-products all increase nutrient loads in these waters. Typical symptoms of reef decline are destabilized herbivore populations and an increasing abundance of algae and filter-feeding animals. Declines in reef communities are consistent with observations that nutrient input is increasing in direct proportion to growing human populations, thereby threatening reef communities sensitive to subtle changes in nutrient input to their waters.

The passage is primarily concerned with

- A. describing the effects of human activities on algae in coral reefs
- B. explaining how human activities are posing a threat to coral reef communities
- C. discussing the process by which coral reefs deteriorate in nutrient-poor waters
- D. explaining how coral reefs produce food for themselves

QUESTION 15

Geologists have long known that the Earth's mantle is heterogeneous, but its spatial arrangement remains unresolved—is the mantle essentially layered or irregularly heterogeneous? The best evidence for the layered mantle thesis is the well-established fact that volcanic rocks found on oceanic islands, islands believed to result from mantle plumes arising from the lower mantle, are composed of material fundamentally different from that of the mid-ocean ridge system, whose source, most geologists contend, is the upper mantle. Some geologists, however, on the basis of observations concerning mantle xenoliths, argue that the mantle is not layered, but that heterogeneity is created by fluids rich in "incompatible elements" (elements tending toward liquid rather than solid state) percolating upward and transforming portions of the upper mantle irregularly, according to the vagaries of the fluids' pathways. We believe, perhaps unimaginatively, that this debate can be resolved through further study, and that the underexplored midocean ridge system is the key.

Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- A. Current theories regarding the structure of the Earth's mantle cannot account for new discoveries regarding the composition of mantle xenoliths.
- B. There are conflicting hypotheses about the heterogeneity of the Earth's mantle because few mantle elements have been thoroughly studied.
- C. Further research is needed to resolve the debate among geologists over the composition of the mid-ocean ridge system.

- D. There is clear-cut disagreement within the geological community over the structure of the Earth's mantle

QUESTION 16

You will hear a recording. At the end of the recording, the last word or group of words has been replaced by a beep. Select the correct option to complete the recording.

Life progresses at its own pace. The beauty of it is, it is not same for everyone. People contemplate doing things like others to become as successful as others. Every individual is equally talented, only needs to wait for the right time and opportunity. Finding your own talent is the most important aspect of life. Fortune favours who believe in

- A. Others
- B. Destiny
- C. God
- D. Themselves

QUESTION 17

The number of child actors is considerably increased in the past years kids bubbling with talent but the law does not permit them to quit education for work, so there are limited hours of work for them, they also need to have a work permit before being paid for work. In California, due to exploitation of child actors, a law has been passed that parents could get only a part of their

- 1) Work
- 2) Compensation
- 3) Earnings
- 4) Nose ring

QUESTION 18

Well we all know that fine arts is a multidimensional field that encompasses painting and sculptures, stone carving, metal casting, clay modelling, ceramic design and pottery, first and the most important thing is to understand that applied art actually covers visualization and animation, not only did artists create works for the personal satisfaction that is unleashing the trade to strengthen vitality, but they also produce works on the request of their clients they didn't take into account the preferences of the buyer at least as regards the material to be used yaa that's true, there is a variety of material available for the modern

- 1) Arts
- 2) Artifacts
- 3) Artists

QUESTION 19

When you first examine something under a microscope, say a leaf from a plant, you're amazed at how much detail there is and it's a detail that you simply cannot see without magnification. And what you can see with the naked eye becomes suddenly huge under the lens. How big everything looks is astonishing but it's also amazingly intricate. Suddenly it's as if another world has opened up in front of your eyes and you think, hey, I hadn't realized that something so small, so tiny, could be so _____.

- 1) confusing
- 2) unreal
- 3) complex
- 4) invisible

QUESTION 20

Old age, the last stage of life, is solid and at the same time fragile. It is solid because the old people carry a treasure of knowledge and experience. They are firm in their ideas and opinions. It is fragile because of the declining physical capacities. Typically, the old people are more affected by a feeling of being old than being physically old. The old people _____.

- 1) need our attention, love, and care.
- 2) demand protection.
- 3) want to take life easy

QUESTION 21

The attitudes of Americans toward gambling are amazingly contradictory. You may find, for example, that horse racing is legal in your state, but that you cannot legally play poker for money on your front porch; bookies may be prosecuted by state law, but they are supposed to purchase a federal license nonetheless; one church condemns gambling, while another raises money by sponsoring Bingo games. Gambling laws are inconsistent from state to state or even from town to town and are very difficult _____.

- 1) to carry out
- 2) to accomplish
- 3) to enforce
- 4) to implement

HIGHLIGHT INCORRECT ANSWERS

QUESTION 22

You will hear a recording. Below is a transcription of the recording. Some words in the transcription differ from what the speaker(s) said. Please click on the words that are different.

Being attentive in traffic is important. This we must teach to every child, to be safe, if at all they go out without an adult help. People who follow legitimate traffic rules are always safe and keep others safe too. We need to learn all the traffic signs. We can identify some of them easily. Mandatory Signs are signs which ensure difficulty and a free flow of traffic. They are marked in a red circle. The violation of these signs is a legal offense. Cautionary Signs are signs which provide warnings of certain menacing conditions either on or near the road. They are marked with red triangles. Informatory Signs are signs which provide useful information about frontier and distance, geographical and historical data and other places along the road.

QUESTION 23

When human beings started growing food. Learned to make biscuits by using thin branches of trees. Also, learned to cook food, so they needed utensils. The earliest pots were made up by plastering clay around the baskets. Later, they began to be made without using the basket. They were hardened or baked by heating them on the fire. Afterward, they used the potter's wheel to make beautiful northern pots. The invention of the wheel helped them in many other ways. They also learned the art of pursuing. First, they made baskets and mats. Then, cotton and frozen threads. Finally, they made cloth with the threads.

QUESTION 24

Since 1988, the World AIDS Day is held on December 1 every year. It is an international day to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS around the world. On this day, besides raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, memorials are held to honor persons who have died from HIV/AIDS. Government and health officials also observe the event, often with speeches or forums on the AIDS topics. Since 1995, the President of the United States has made an official proclamation on World AIDS Day. Governments of other nations have followed suit and issued similar announcements.

WRITE FROM DICTATION

QUESTION 25

There are so many stories which were not related to each other.

QUESTION 26

What is the difference between a man with a full attitude and a man with ignorance?